Two ex-Wanderers sign for Walton

KEVIN RAINE, Wycombe Wanderers' second choice goalkeeper last season, and Dave Alexander, who played for the Blues against Witney in a pre-season friendly, could be turning out for Walton and Hersham against their former club at Loakes Park tomorrow (Saturday).

The two players signed on for Walton this week and will play if their clearances come through in time. Raine played in only a couple of Rothmans Isthmian League games for Wycombe last term and never seriously threatened John Maskell for the goalkeeper's jersey. However, on occasions, he looked strong in the air, although prone to the occasional mistake.

Alexander, a midfield player, is a British Universities representative and was highly rated by Blues boss Brian Lee, who hoped to sign him at Wycombe.

Walton will be looking to these two players to help improve the club's results, which so far this term, have been poor. Unlike previous years when Walton were always a major force to be reckoned with, 'the Swans' have struggled from their first defeat at home to Dagenham on the opening day of the season. They crashed 5-0 to the Division One newcomers.

A major exodus of the players is largely responsible for Walton's poor form. Manager Allen Batsford went to Wimbledon with a handful of players while three others joined Leatherhead. Only Russell Perkins, a striker, now remains. He tops the goalscoring this year with three along with Russell Mumford.

Wanderers, somewhat unlucky not to share the points at Fetcham Grove, Leatherhead on Tuesday night, could have their top goalscorer Tony Horseman back in the team. "Bodger" has been suffering from a leg injury but could make his comeback tomorrow. There is only one other injury doubt, Keith Mead, who has been having treatment for a knee injury all week

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